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SEATTLE MARU Friday, 24th December.

KOROS MARU Sunday, 19th December, 10 a.m.

HOZAN MARU Wednesday, 22nd Dec., 10 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU Thursday, 16th Dec., 8 a.m.

KOTSU MARU Friday, 24th December.

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NEW YORK FOG.

"MAJESTIC" DELAYED ELEVEN HOURS.

New York, Dec. 12.

Dense fog has caused the most serious tie-up for years. Approximately 10,000 passengers are affected. Only four out of twelve liners scheduled to sail have ventured, and only one out of twelve incoming vessels has docked.

The "Majestic" with 2,300 people aboard, has delayed her sailing for eleven hours.—Reuter's American Service.

TONNAGE TAX.

SPAIN AND UNITED STATES SHIPPING.

OPERATORS' DIFFICULTIES.

The difficulties confronting operators of American steamships engaged in Mediterranean trade were emphasized by Mr. Henry E. Frick, vice-president of the Export Steamship Corporation, in the course of a recent interview with a representative of the New York "Journal of Commerce."

Mr. Frick, who has made a tour of the Mediterranean ports, laid special emphasis on the handicap caused through the operation of the Spanish Tonnage Tax Law of 1909. "This tonnage tax," he observed, "was established for the protection of Spanish tonnage against the inroads of French and Italian competition, but under the interpretation of the law vessels trading between Britain, France, Germany or other European countries and Spanish ports are exempt from the tax on the ground that they do not operate on the high seas. The tax, therefore, is actually a discrimination against commerce between the United States and Mediterranean ports."

"In some instances steamship companies have attempted to avoid this tax by inserting clauses in their bills of lading or charter-parties providing that all dues on cargo in Spain or dues imposed on steamers in Spain by reason of having this cargo on board shall be paid by the cargo. This procedure, however, has proved useless, because when the shippers or consignees of cargo carried on steamers of other than Spanish lines are penalized, shippers merely revert to shipping by Spanish vessels, thereby avoiding the additional expense."

On the subject of rebating, Mr. Frick mentioned the practice of foreign lines operating from Marseilles in protecting favoured shippers by accepting shipments of less than the current rate of exchange, this amounting in some instances to a rebate of 30¢ to the pound sterling.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

For carrying 17 passengers more than allowed by her licence, the mistress of a coole boat was fined \$10 at the Marine Court this morning.

Cape Town, December 12.—Sixteen men and one woman from the Transvaal, all British, have been deported under the Immigration Act, chiefly for illicit liquor selling.—Reuter.

Madras, December 12.—Swedish missionaries, and others staying with the Governor, welcomed the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden on their arrival on a visit to India, during which they will be the guests of the Government.—Reuter.

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"ECONOMIC CRIME."

VERDICT ON OIL-BURNING SHIPS.

AMERICAN VIEWS.

In the course of an interview with a representative of the New York "Journal of Commerce," the oil-burning system employed in American vessels was described as an economic crime by Captain C. A. McAllister, president of the American Bureau of Shipping. Captain McAllister was of the opinion that the fuel could be used to far more advantage in internal-combustion engines and as gasoline and lubricating oil in the important industries of the country. He believed that the recent report made by the Federal Oil Conservation Committee presented one of the most stupendous problems that the United States had been called on to solve.

He pointed out that the Shipping Board figures for 1925 revealed that 10,700,000 barrels of oil were consumed by the Government's merchant ships alone. The United States liner "Leviathan" loaded 9,000 tons of fuel-oil at New York, when departing on a round trip to Southampton, via Cherbourg and return. That was the limit of her fuel-carrying capacity. When she arrived on the other side it was necessary to take on an additional 4,000 tons for her return.

Not only were American ships tending to deplete the oil supply of the United States, he pointed out, but those of foreign nations loaded huge quantities of New York and other ports of the United States. "The present situation," he continued, "was brought home to me by a prominent British shipping man whom I met abroad. This man said that within five years the United States would be forced to purchase oil from Great Britain and other foreign powers. As his remark was made several weeks before the recent Federal report, warning of a shortage, I attach much significance to the Britisher's remarks, as it shows that they are aware of our plight."

Use of Pulverised Coal.—Captain McAllister, who is chairman of the Fuel Conservation Committee of the Shipping Board, said he believed pulverised coal would offer a solution for marine fuel. Several large coal companies, including the Fuller-Lehigh Company, had been carrying on experiments for the last several months, he added. The Fuller-Lehigh apparatus is now at the League Island Navy Yard, but, due to friction between several Government departments which are taking part in the tests, the trials have been temporarily halted.

"Lack of co-ordination among several Government departments," he concluded, "has delayed the trials, but present indications point to ultimate success. This is the first time that pulverised coal has been burned in a Scottish boiler marine plant, and I have no doubt of its eventual success."

SHIPPING NOTES.

"N.E. and East wind, gale, heavy sea from Cape Varella to Hong Kong"—reports the s.s. "Wong Shuk Kung" on arrival here on Saturday from Saigon (left Dec. 5.)

On the voyage to Hong Kong from Calcutta via Singapore, of the s.s. "Takiwa," among the 1,206 deck passengers one died from heart failure.

The s.s. "Seangkee" arrived here this morning, with 1,138 deck passengers from Rangoon via Singapore. One of the deck passengers died from pulmonary tuberculosis at Port Swettenham.

Coming to Hong Kong from Sandakan and Jesselton, the s.s. "Lok Sun" sighted a derelict junk 17 E. by N. from Waglan.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	33
American	1
Panama	1
Norwegian	5
Japanese	4
Chinese	12
Dutch	6
Portuguese	2
French	2
Danish	1
Total	67

Dec. 11 and 12:—Arrivals, 11 British and 12 others, total 23; departures, 12 British and 14 others, total 26.

U.S. NAVY

INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS URGED.

Washington, Dec. 12.

The annual report of Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, to President Coolidge contains a strong appeal to the Government to loosen its purse strings in order that the Navy may be maintained at the full strength permitted by law.

Mr. Wilbur says that with the limited funds available it has been necessary to concentrate on repairs rather than on alterations required to keep first line ships up to their proper standards for fleet service. There are 50,160 officers on the roll for 1926, being 3,309 under strength.

It is also impossible for the same reason to maintain the "required" 86,000 enlisted strength by 4,000.

Mr. Wilbur urges that the nominations to the Annapolis Naval Academy be restored to the basis of five for each member of Congress instead of as present three, necessitated by cuts in the naval estimates.

Construction of Airships.—Referring to the failure hitherto, owing to lack of supplies, to begin the construction projected on the six million cubic feet airships, Mr. Wilbur observes that some concern is felt by air officials because the supply of helium obtainable at the plant at Fort Worth, Texas, is dwindling.

The report records notable improvement in anti-aircraft gunnery and announces that power-propelled catapults are being installed on battleships for the launching of observation and scouting planes. Mr. Wilbur describes the general health of the United States Navy as excellent, the daily sick total being under three and the desertions the lowest on record.—Reuter's American Service.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29

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KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPUR	8,715	26th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Rostock
RYANZA	7,023	28th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bday
MALWA	10,441	30th Dec.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	8,144	31st Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bday
DEVANHA	8,355	2nd Jan.	Marseilles and London
MOREA	10,418	4th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bday
DELTA	8,067	6th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHMIR	8,067	8th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bday
NELLORE	8,852	10th Jan.	Marseilles and London
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MACEONIA	11,320	20th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bday
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KALYAN	8,144	24th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bday
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SHIRALA	7,471	20th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKLIWA	7,023	2nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	8,949	21st Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,000	4th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Calcutta

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SHIP	Tons	From	Destination
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Dec.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, & Melbourne
TANDA	6,956	4th Jan.	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st Jan.	
ARAFURA	6,000	28th April	
TANDA	6,956	3rd June	

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SHIP	Tons	From	Destination
KASHMIR	8,852	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKLIWA	7,036	15th Dec.	Amoy, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	8,144	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKADA	8,949	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,418	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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"RUSSIAN LLOYD."

COLLAPSE OF MARINE
INSURANCE CONCERN.

RECEIVER'S STATEMENT.

Particulars of the collapse of "Russian Lloyd," 15, George Street, London, E.C., have been issued to creditors and contributors by the Official Receiver. The statement of affairs shows liabilities £13,339 and assets £4,997. The winding-up order was made on June 29, 1926, upon the petition of the former managers of the "branch business" established by the company in the United Kingdom, creditors of the company.

The company (whose principal office was in Retrograd) was incorporated in Russia on June 12, 1870, under the style of "Russian Lloyd" for the transaction of marine, river and land transport insurance. On October 21, 1909, the company's name was changed to the "Insurance Company Russian Lloyd" and its objects were extended so as to include, in addition to its original powers, fire, accident, sickness, life endowment and plate-glass insurance. The company had power, under its articles of association, to insure with other insurance companies, both Russian and foreign, the risks accepted by it, and also to accept reinsurances of risks undertaken by other companies. So far as the Official Receiver has been able to ascertain, the business transacted in Great Britain by or on behalf of the company has been the reinsurances with underwriters and other insurance companies, of proportions of the marine risks accepted by the company in Russia, and the acceptance of reinsurances of fire risks undertaken by insurance companies carrying on business in Great Britain. According to its articles of association, the "capital stock" of the company was fixed at 3,000,000 roubles, divided into 6,000 shares of 500 roubles each.

Cause of Failure.

A considerable amount is stated to be owing to the company under fire reinsurance contracts, and the winding-up petition was presented by the branch managers in order that a liquidator, having power to realise the company's assets, and competent to give a valid discharge for moneys due to the company, might be constituted or appointed.

The failure of the company is due primarily to the compulsory liquidation, under the decree of the Russian Government, of insurance companies carrying on business in Russia, a secondary cause of failure being the termination of the reinsurance contracts between British insurance companies and the company. As a result of the statutory meetings of creditors and contributors held on July 26, the Court, on August 6, appointed Mr. James Threlkeld Basildon House, Moorgate, London, E.C., chartered accountant, as liquidator.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURE.

List of passengers departed by the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" on December 11:—

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INTERESTING REPORT.

Commenting upon the efficacy of the various methods adopted for the elimination of rats on ship-board and on dock properties, Dr. A. A. Mussen, port medical officer of Liverpool, in his annual report on the operations of the Port Sanitary Authority expresses the opinion that in future it should be possible to apply the principle of rat-proofing during the construction of vessels, without much additional expense, if naval architects and shipbuilders will devote attention to the subject. But he goes on to the extent which vessels become infested with rats does not depend only on their construction; other factors are equally important, e.g., the nature of the cargo carried, the conditions existing at the ports of call and the duration of the voyage.

Need of Fumigation.

Consequently in the application of rat-repressive measures ships should not be considered collectively, but individually. The rat-proofing of ships cannot fail to reduce the number of rats, but it will not avoid the necessity for fumigation in all cases. At any rate for some time to come both fumigation and rat-proofing will be required. It may be said with certainty that half-hearted fumigation is a plague preventive measure is worse than no fumigation at all. The present need is not so much for frequency as for thoroughness in fumigation, and in obtaining thoroughness and reducing frequency the rat-proofing of ships will be of great assistance.

Crew's Accommodation.

In an increasing number of ships, says Dr. Mussen, crew quarters are now situated aft by amidships. The modern tendency to cruiser sterns not only give increased accommodation but renders it possible to make better use of the space available. Many ship owners provide crew accommodations greatly in excess of the bare legal requirements.

At one time progress along these lines was arrested, the report says, by an apparently lack of appreciation on the part of the men of the amenities provided, and this is still used as an excuse by the less progressive ship owners, but crews now undoubtedly appreciate good accommodation, as shown by the way men stick to a good ship voyage after voyage.

It is now rare to find any abuse of the extra comforts provided. The degree of cleanliness is not usually serious, the report continues, and the men when paid off do not leave their quarters in the filthy condition which was not infrequently found.

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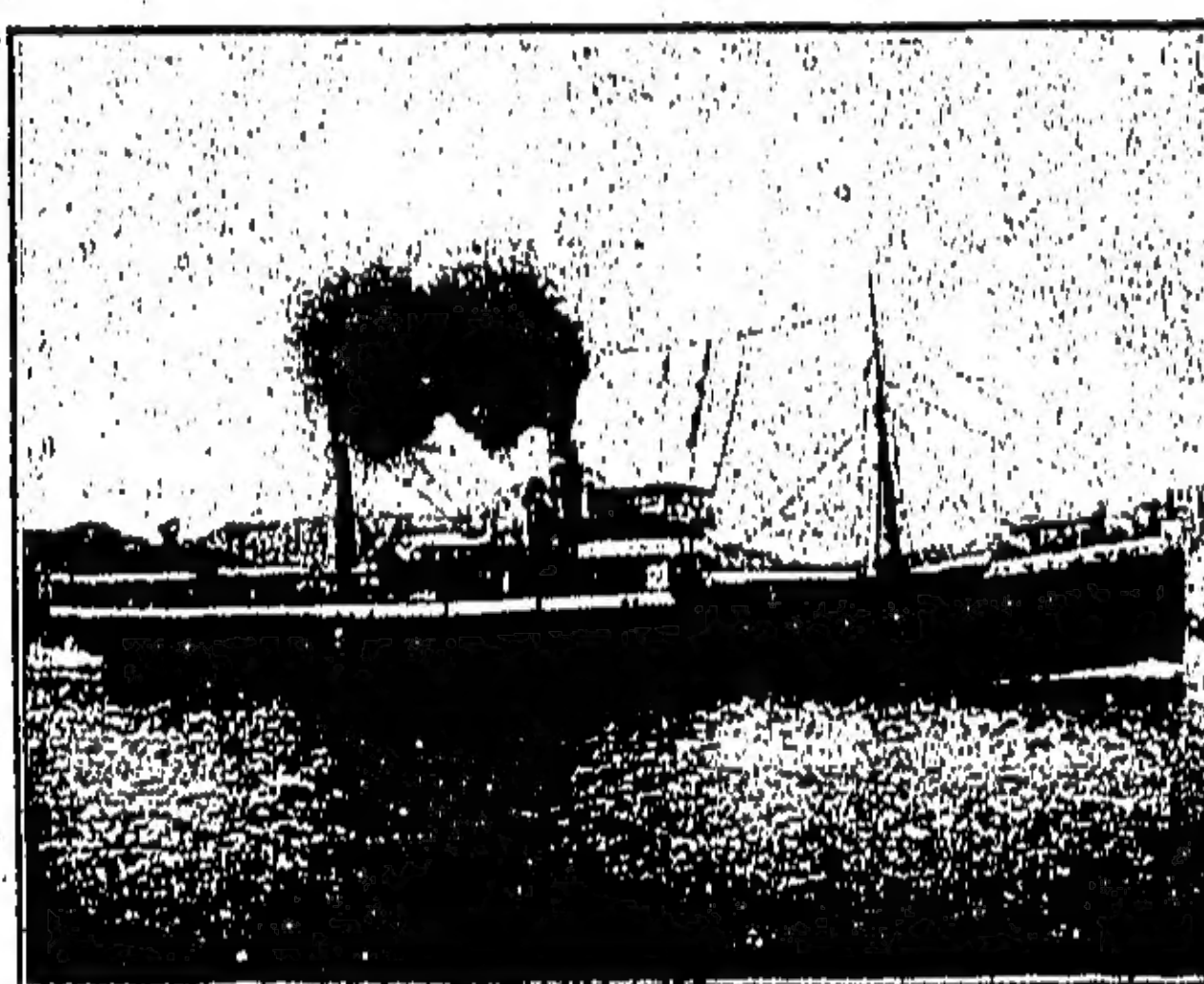
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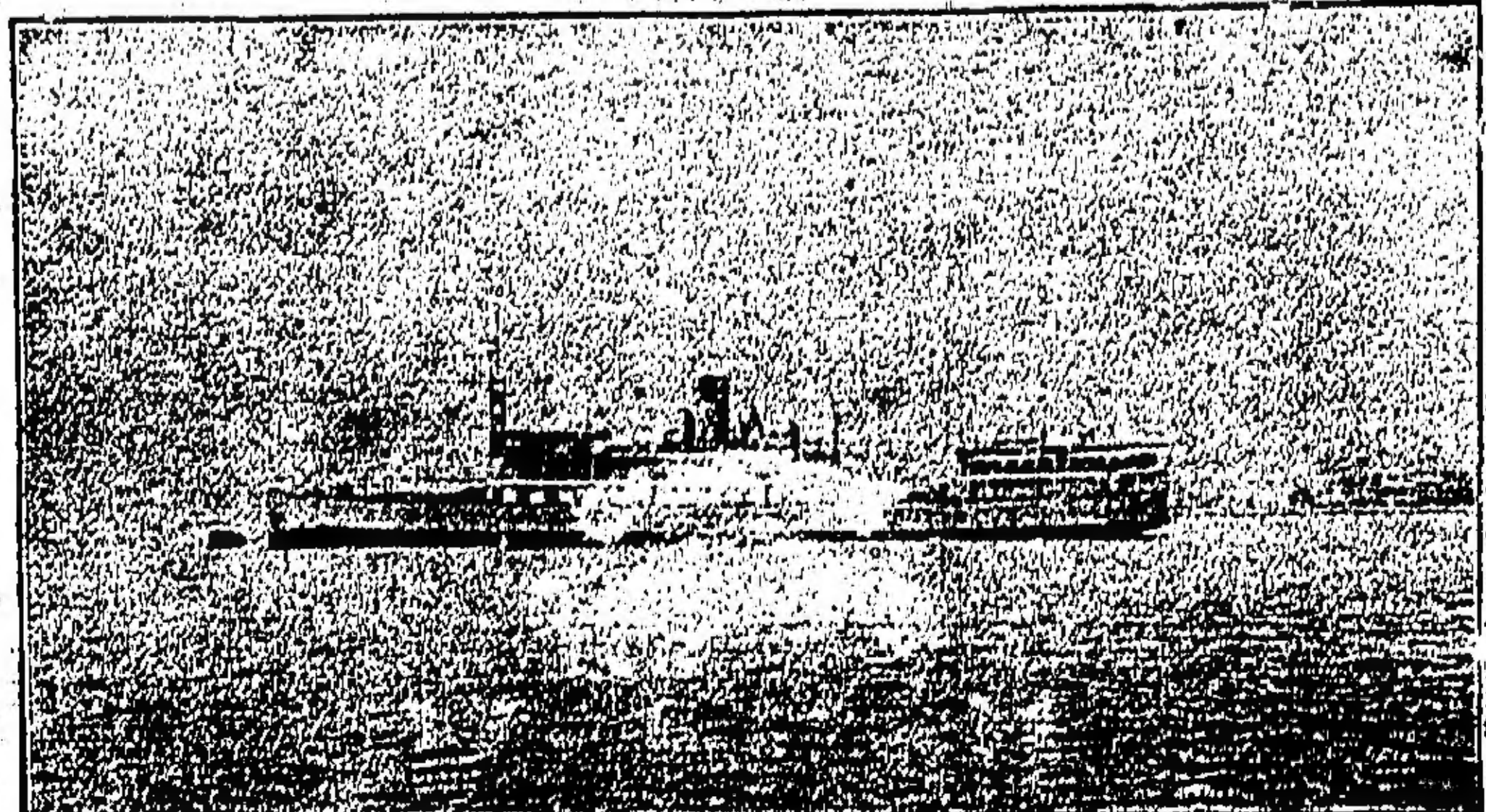
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CANTON'S POSITION.

Nothing if not interesting at the moment are some comments by a contributor to the "Canton Gazette" on the suggestion by the China Association regarding the eventual recognition by the Powers of the Cantonese Government. Our contemporary's article finds fault with the suggestion because of its provision to recognise simultaneously a Peking Government. It terms this another attempt at dividing China and at fostering dissension, and it plays on the old note of the "Imperialist attitude" and "odious Imperialist intervention." The writer can find no good in any ideas for the good of China outside the Cantonese zone of influence. He terms the China Association's suggestion "co-operation at the task of governing China" which is not "exactly flattering," adding that "it is not to be expected that politeness and courtesy should be displayed as conspicuous Imperialist virtues."

The absurdity of reasoning on the part of the Canton paper's contributor may be illustrated by the following paragraph:—

"This whole matter is illustrative, we think, of the Imperialist attitude, and, more specifically, of the British policy. The Powers are still hoping against hope that a rival Government might yet be established at Peking, so that it might then be possible, in the midst of discussions that might arise between these Governments of the north and south of China, for Imperialist interests to flourish, and the status quo of the Powers continue."

It does not occur to the writer of the foregoing that Peking has not yet been eliminated and that whilst Peking exercises control of the Customs, Post Offices, and so forth, it cannot be written of as non-existent. Canton itself has always recognised Peking's control in this respect. All the existing Treaties with the Powers were made on behalf of China by Peking. At the same time it would be as absurd to recognise Peking to-day as governing all China as it

would be to recognise Canton as governing all China. And vice versa! If we wait until one does govern all China, Canton cannot expect to get sole recognition until it has eliminated the whole of the North. Thus the "Canton Gazette" writer, besides rushing blindly to accuse Britain of taking sides to "break up China"—(which is already broken)—is actually implying considerations which debar Canton from being recognised at once!

The Cantonese Government has essayed the task of creating a united China. It cannot but admit that its control at present is limited to several provinces. If it ever reaches its objective, then will be the time to seek recognition from the Powers as a Government governing the whole of China.

Provincial Autonomy.

We are getting quite accustomed to the "Westminster Gazette," thinking it time to do this or to do that. Does that journal honestly believe that provincial autonomy would adjust the present chaos in China? Admitted that the land is rotting politically and that civil wars have undermined its frail structure of state; that corrupt politicians and military adventurers have preyed upon the weakened members—would provincial autonomy really remedy the present state of affairs? Take a look at conditions in the so-called independent provinces. Each tuchun dominates his province and is a law unto himself, thanks to his control of troops and taxes. As most provinces of China are fully as large as France, a tuchun might well be compared with a pre-war European potentate, but with the power of an Asiatic despot. It cannot be denied that several tuchuns have made millions by trafficking in opium. Others sell concessions. Not a few have levied tribute on subject-towns under one pretext or another. And each one maintains his rule by force. No. Whether or not the Powers decide to recognize the Cantonese Government—a course which most people who know anything about the subject frankly think should have been adopted long ago—the present is most decidedly not the time to talk about provincial autonomy. There are many things to be achieved ere that can, if ever, be discussed.

BANK LOSES.

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case in question and to negotiations between the parties respecting indemnity.

Mr. Porter said that he wished to make it clear that no indemnity had been offered or even discussed between the legal representatives of the parties.

Judge's Suggestion.

His Honour concluded his judgment as follows:—

"I tentatively suggest as suitable a guarantee to be given by a corporation of like standing with the Bank itself to refund to the Bank the sum to be paid to the plaintiff if at any time within the period to be named the manager of the Bank should certify another payment made on a genuine note of the series to which the original note in this case belongs. That series, if not the note itself, can be identified." His Honour then gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs. (The application of Mr. Porter for a stay of execution pending a possible appeal was granted.)

LT. MAUDE'S DEATH.

TRAGIC END TO SHOOTING PARTY.

A FATAL STUMBLE.

News of the tragic end of Lieut. Maude, the well-known naval aviator and sportsman, came as a great shock to the many friends he has made in Hong Kong while stationed here, first with H.M.S. "Hermes" and later with H.M.S. "Vindictive."

The sympathy of all will go out to the bereaved relatives at Home. Lieut. Maude came of a well-known family, his father being Sir Stanley Maude, the hero of Bagdad. He was nephew to the Bishop of Kensington to Mr. Morris Maude, the well-known F.M.S. planter, of Cicely Estate, Lower Perak, and Cyril Maude, the actor.

Walking Down Slope.

Lieut. Maude's death occurred on Saturday whilst he and two friends were walking down a steep slope on Lantau Island after game shooting in the interior. They were making for yacht which had brought them there two hours previous. It was dusk at the time and Lieut. Maude, who was walking behind his two companions (Lieut. H. A. Day and Mr. Montague), must have stumbled, causing his loaded rifle to go off. When his companions turned they saw him lying on the ground very severely injured in the face and head.

The injured officer was put on board the yacht and taken with all despatch to Tsin Wan where the motor ambulance was sent on receipt of a telephone message from Sergt. Forbes. Lieut. Maude was then taken to the Kowloon Military Hospital, but on arrival there, life was pronounced extinct. From the extent of the injuries, it was judged that death must have been almost instantaneous.

Naval Record.

The deceased, who attained seniority in April, 1920, first came to the China station in 1925, with H.M.S. "Hermes." As a qualified pilot he did a certain amount of flying, participating in the flying "exhibitions" over the harbour which aroused such considerable interest.

When H.M.S. "Hermes" left the China Station for the Mediterranean, Lieut. Maude was left in Hong Kong with two other officers in charge of a flight of seaplanes housed in the naval camp, Kowloon. He was temporarily transferred to the "Tamar" but on the arrival of H.M.S. "Vindictive" he was posted to that vessel.

Deceased was a member of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, and did a good deal of sailing at one period, owning "Loa" of the Heyward Heys class. He was fond of riding, and owned the well-known pony Black Mouse. Lieut. Maude also frequently played polo, and rode at Happy Valley and Kwant. He acted as best man at Lieut. Day's wedding recently.

Assisted Gallara.

When the Spanish aviators flying from Spain to Manila had trouble with their machine at Macao, Lieut. Maude was sent from Hong Kong to assist. Lieut. Gallara. When Gallara first arrived it was Lieut. Maude who flew from Hong Kong to Macao and dropped a congratulatory message to the Spanish aviator, and gave a wonderful exhibition flight with stunts over the Portuguese colony.

The funeral will take place at 5 p.m. to-day.

TRY AGAIN.

MR. LINDSELL AND HIS INTERPRETER.

"He said nothing of the sort. Please interpret correctly," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell to the Court interpreter at the Central Magistracy this morning when examining a Chinese charged with obstructing the footpath with a quantity of cases.

"He spoke a mixture of Foochow and Cantonese, so I must interpret rather carefully," replied the interpreter.

His Worship: Well, you don't seem to have got much sense out of him, try again.

After hearing the Indian sergeant who arrested the defendant, his Worship imposed a fine of \$5.

ROPE CO. SHARE CALL.

The final call of \$5 per share on the new shares of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., payable on Dec. 15, has been postponed till March 15, 1927.

An announcement to this effect is made by Messrs. Shavin, Tomlin & Co., general managers, and will be found on page 12.

CANTON'S POSITION.

"NOT SO STRONG AS IT APPEARS."

CHANGES ON YANGTZE.

Peking, Dec. 11.
Well informed Chinese and foreigners recently returning from the Yangtze state that the situation has changed considerably during the past six weeks. They assert that while the Cantonese were welcomed as deliverers on their arrival, heavy taxation, strikes and the lack of control have alienated large numbers of Chinese.

They state that the Huiyuan Tapan Tang Seng-chi and other militarists merely used the Cantonese in order to rid themselves of dangerous rivals, but that they really do not adhere to the Kuomintang and its principles, nor are they willing to submit to their authority. They allege that Tang Seng-chi is willing to treat with Chang Kai-shek as an equal, but is not willing to take orders from him, and that a similar situation prevails in Hupeh and Kiangsi, hence the Cantonese position is not so strong as it appears and the main result of the past few months' campaign has been to strengthen the demand for provincial autonomy, the central provinces not desiring the control either of Canton or Mukden.—Reuter.

Italian Ship Seized.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.
In a message from Ichang it is reported that General Yang Sen endeavoured to commandeer British and American vessels to convey troops down the river, but the presence of foreign gunboats and the intervention of the British Consul obtained the withdrawal of his soldiers.

The Chinese troops subsequently proceeded down the river in Chinese transports and an Italian vessel which was seized.—Reuter.

Parcels Tax.

Chefoo, Dec. 11.
The Shantung military authorities commenced to-day the collection of a "goods tax" of about two per cent. on all inward and outward parcels.

Owing to the post office refusing to deliver or accept parcels until the tax is paid, it is impossible for Chinese and foreigners to avoid payment.

It is reported that the tax will be extended to freight shipments next week. Merchants and the Chambers of Commerce are protesting.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

Surtaxes on Trade.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.
A Japanese telegram from Peking states that Sir F. Aglen has received reports from the Customs at Hankow, Changsha and Kiu-kiang to the effect that the Southern Government intends to levy surtaxes on imports and exports in those cities.—Reuter.

Mme. Sun Yat-sen.

Canton, Dec. 11.
Madame Sun Yat-sen, accompanied by her brother, Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance Minister of the Nationalist Government left Kiu-kiang on December 8 after having attended the Lushan Conference. They arrived in Wuchang on the afternoon of the same date amidst a great welcome.

It is learned that the length of Madame Sun's stay in Wuchang is indefinite.—Canton Information Bureau.

"RALPH'S" SHIELD.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

The Hong Kong Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade turned out in full force yesterday morning for the commencement of the annual Inter-Division Competition for the Ralphs Shield.

Each division paraded on the Murray Parade ground at 9 a.m. when they drew for the order of going before the Judges—Major Stevenson, R.A.M.C., and Dr. W. B. A. Moore and J. K. Milward.

The four units competing yesterday morning were the Indian Division, which opened the proceedings, the Y.M.C.A. Divisions, the King's College and Kowloon Divisions. Each Division was put through a test in platoon and stretcher drill, and, as seen from the Cathedral compound, presented a very smart appearance. The competition will be continued, and concluded, next Sunday, when more technical work will be carried out. This will include the collecting of wounded persons and the rendering of first aid, bandaging etc.

The officers present at yesterday's parade were Mr. E. Ralphs (Asst. Commissioner), Mr. A. Morris (Corps Commissioner), Corps Superintendents J. Ralston and G. W. C. Burnett, Divisional Superintendents A. J. Arcull and F. K. Ewart, and Ambulance officers Leung, Siu-ang, Chak Tai-kwong, Szeto Chung, A. H. Rumsjohn and M. A. Khan.

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The programme presented by the Globe-Trotters last night was just the kind of programme that Hong Kong wants. A "snappy" opening chorus, some priceless foolery between Dick Norton and Leo Brooker, a song by Miss Billie Conway, a balalaika solo by Dimoff, a song-scene by Dick and his charming wife, and a concerted number to close the show. Potent recipe, indeed. But potted with ingredients of the best variety.

The Globe Trotters and the Queen's Theatre Orchestra make an excellent combination. The lighting effects, also, are worthy of praise, the colours being blended with skilful effect to enhance the attractiveness of the stage settings.

The feature film which completes the programme is "North of 36," the companion picture to "The Covered Wagon." The principal roles are filled by such famous players as Lois Wilson, Jack Holt, Ernest Torrence, and Noah Beery. "North of 36" is a stirring story of Texas in the pioneer days and offers some excellent scenes of the great cattle country. The terrible stampede in the night far exceeds anything of the sort the screen has yet offered. The filming is remarkably good.

AIR ROUTES.

PUTTING HONG KONG ON THE MAP.

LORD MONTAGU'S APPEAL.

"Those interested in aviation must now get down to a regular air route, and so in the generous spirit of the pioneers who built railways, not as a paying proposition, but as an absolute necessity in Empire development." Sir Allan Cobham, whose words are quoted, is anxious to "get down to the job" of developing the air routes of the Empire, and there is no doubt that his recent flight from London to Sydney and back has stirred the popular imagination. In spite of his experience after leaving Singapore he describes flying in those regions as a "rest cure," compared with regular flying between London and Paris.

It now remains to be seen what effect his campaign will have on the development of Empire aviation. Already there are many who think with him that a regular and efficient service between Britain and Australia could be safely established.

Sir Samuel Hoare made an admirable statement on the subject to the Imperial Conference. His conception is that of several systems, British, Irish, Canadian, Australian, South African, and Indian, growing outwards simultaneously to link up in one.

Lord Montagu de Beaulieu, in an Imperial appeal for more research work, more machines, more orders for struggling firms, a more perfect chain of refuelling stations along air routes, pictures the world fifty years hence. "Who can doubt," he says, "that for the long distances to India, Australia, New Zealand, the Cape, the West Indies, the F.M.S., Hong Kong, and to other ports the ordinary means of transport will be by air? Already the globe of the earth, measured by time, shrinks every hour. Weeks are dwindling into days, miles are as furlongs, and time, not distance, is the gauge by which we reckon how near we are to-day."

Of course, there will arise questions as to the most suitable type of transport. Some will favour the airship, some the seaplane, and others the aeroplane. The future may be as some claim, with the airship, but meantime Sir Allan Cobham favours the seaplane, and in this he is backed by Mr. R. C. Kemp, Managing Director of the Air Survey Co., Ltd., a pioneer in the use of seaplanes in the tropics. East. From 1920 to 1923 Mr. Kemp was Chief Inspector of Aircraft to the Government of India, and strongly advocated the use of "seaplanes," against a great deal of opposition. It was considered that the aeroplane would be more economical and would carry more at a lesser cost. He proved, however, that the seaplane was the safer of the two machines, and moreover, that bases cost less to construct than an aerodrome.

JAPAN'S ANXIETY.

EMPEROR'S DANGEROUS ILLNESS.

PRINCE LEAVING LONDON.

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

The condition of the Emperor is causing grave anxiety. The Imperial household states that H.I.H. Prince Chichibu is expected to reach Tokyo via Vancouver on January 20. His Imperial Highness' attendants are accompanying him, although it has been found necessary to leave a certain amount of baggage in London.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

Prince Leaving London.

London, Dec. 11.

In consequence of the Emperor of Japan's serious illness, Prince Chichibu, his second son, is returning home from London. He expects to leave early next week, travelling via Canada. The Prince has just completed his first term as undergraduate at Magdalen College, Oxford, and had intended to proceed to Madrid on Monday on a visit to the King of Spain. This arrangement was cancelled last night.—British Wireless Service.

Emperor Exhausted.

Tokyo, Dec. 12.

A bulletin issued states that the Emperor is apparently exhausted. He has no appetite. The Prince Regent goes to Toyama to-morrow to visit his father.—Reuter.

PASSING THROUGH.

DISTINGUISHED AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE.

Among passengers passing through Hong Kong on the s.s. "Macedonia" was Father Pigot, S.J., the Director of the Sedmoineau Observatory of St. Ignace College, Sydney. Father Pigot was returning from Japan where he had attended the Pan-Pacific Science Conference as one of the Commonwealth's scientific representatives.

After 45 Years.

Another passenger by the "Macedonia" was Dr. David Duncan Main, who, with Mrs. Main, was returning home after 45 years of medical missionary work in Hongkong.

Dr. and Mrs. Main came out to China in 1881 for the Church Missionary Society's work in a small opium refuge in Hongkong. After the smoking of opium was forbidden by law in China, the Society turned its attention to the healing of other kinds of suffering humanity, and from that time on the development of the Hongkong undertaking was rapid. Among the various honours which he has received from the Chinese in recognition of his devoted services, Dr. Main was made Mandarin of the Fifth Rank in 1895. This was followed by the Fourth Decoration of the Excellent Cross, after which he received the Third and the Second and last year the honours were added to by the Great Star. He has translated several medical books into Chinese, including Cheyne's "Wounds, Abscesses and Ulcers," Playfair's "Midwifery" and Whittall's Dictionary.

THE NOBEL PRIZE.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S SHARE.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

In connection with the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1925 to Sir Austen Chamberlain and General Dawes, it is stated, though unofficially, that the value of the prize is £6,500, in which case Sir Austen Chamberlain would receive £3,250.—Reuter.

Recipients Interviewed.

Rugby, Dec. 11.

Interviewed at Geneva yesterday on the award to him jointly with General Dawes of the 1925 Peace Prize, Sir Austen Chamberlain expressed his appreciation of the international approbation on the peace work done at Locarno.

He added, "Representatives of seven powers contributed to the results obtained there. The largest share of whatever merit is claimed is due to M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann, and it doubles my pleasure that in the awards my name is associated with theirs."

Dr. Stresemann emphasised his gratification at being the first German to whom the prize has ever been awarded and hoped that the future would justify the expectations of the present.

M. Briand said "For the past two years Sir Austen Chamberlain, Dr. Stresemann, myself and colleagues have worked continuously to preserve the peace of Europe and the world. I hope history will show that the award was not misplaced."—British Wireless Service.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

SHANGHAI PAPER'S COMMENT.

There has been, we understand, as great deal of adverse comment in local shipping circles regarding the commission which has just been appointed by the Hong Kong Government to inquire into the recent piracy of the China Navigation Co.'s s.s. "Sunning," the story of which has already been told in these columns at length, writes the "N.C. Daily News." The terms of reference under which the commission is to work are (a) to inquire how it was possible for the pirates to get on board with arms in their possession; (b) to inquire how it was possible for pirates to seize the ship; (c) to consider the efficiency of the anti-piracy fittings, etc.; and (d) to consider the supply of armed guards, the number to be carried, and their administration. The Commission appointed consists of the Hon. E. R. Hallifax (Chairman), the Hon. E. D. C. Wolfe, Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., Commander F. N. Miles, R.N., W. G. Goggin, Esq., and Captain A. J. Holland. The objections to the Commission, we are given to believe, are not at all to do with the terms of reference, which are reasonable, but do the membership of the Commission and to the fact that its sittings and deliberations are to be conducted in camera, and looking at the matter from an entirely open viewpoint, it would seem that the objections are by no means unjustified.

Membership.

Let us take the membership of the Commission first. The Chairman is a highly-placed Government official; Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, as Commissioner of Police at Hong Kong, is similarly placed; and Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, the Harbour-master at Hong Kong, is likewise in the direct employ of the Government. Commander Miles is an experienced naval officer; Mr. Goggin is engaged in commerce and may be said to have no practical knowledge of the running of a ship at sea; and Captain A. J. Holland, the only Maritime Marine officer appointed, while an officer of wide experience, has no knowledge of China Coast conditions. That the above gentlemen, one and all, will be imbued with the purest motives when the Commission sits there can be no doubt; but surely it was more than impolitic to appoint on a Commission, one of the chief duties of which will be to sift the efficacy of the Hong Kong Government's anti-piracy regulations, three highly-placed servants of the Government itself, two of whom, the Commissioner of Police and the Harbour-master—are directly concerned in the operation of those regulations? Of the abilities and integrity of Mr. Hallifax, the Chairman, there can be no doubt; but again, surely, in an important inquiry such as this, where the whole anti-piracy system is to be put on trial and the conduct of the officers and crew of the ship thoroughly sifted, one of the Colony's judges would have made a more ideal head of the Commission than the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Commander Miles may be said to represent naval interests and his appointment is a wise one; and no objection can be taken to Mr. Goggin as representing commercial interests which are affected so much by the piracy problem. The real ground for criticism is the omission of any representative of the class which invariably has to bear the brunt of any piracy—the officers of the ship, and in the fact that the general public, which also is not wholly unconcerned with the piracy question, is completely ignored. Surely the officers of China Coast ships had the prior right of all to representation in a matter which so vitally affects their welfare and their profession; and the uncomplaining public, which has suffered for so long at the hands of the gentlemen of Bias Bay, might also have been considered out of courtesy if nothing else.

Sitting in Private.

But what appears to be causing the strongest comment is that the Commission is to sit in private. Why this should be so, only the Hong Kong government appears to know, and the suggestion which has come from Hong Kong that the real reason is to prevent valuable information from reaching the pirates is unworthy of serious consideration. On principle if nothing else, there is every objection to an inquiry of this kind, affecting the travelling public to a great extent, and dealing with the conduct of the master and officers of the ship, and of the Indian guards, being held behind closed doors. The public pays for pirates and for piracy prevention, and as officers and other members of the crew of the "Sunning" are entitled to have their conduct accorded the fullest publicity, so also is the public entitled to know all details of the inquiry excepting, perhaps, a few matters concerning the defence of which only those immediately concerned ought to know about. Secret inquiries in a matter like this are opposed to every tenet of British justice, and it is strongly to be hoped that before the Commission actually sits the double decision will have been taken of throwing the whole inquiry open to the public and the press, and of admitting to membership at least one member of that branch of the Merchant Marine which so worthily upholds the best traditions of the profession—the China Coast ship's officer.

[The Hong Kong Government has since appointed to the Commission a ship master having knowledge of the China Coast.]

ANOTHER SUCCESS.

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE" AGAIN.

The Philharmonic Society scored another notable success in the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when its second presentation of "The Pirates of Penzance" was given an enthusiastic welcome. The players appeared to have gained in confidence and the performance went with a fine swing. There were numerous demands for encore.

CHINA CRITICISED.

SCRAPPING OF TREATY WITH BELGIUM.

AN INTERNATIONAL CRISIS.

By arbitrarily scrapping the Sino-Belgian Treaty of 1864 and refusing Belgium's legitimate and perfectly reasonable request for a reference to the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, China has deliberately flouted the League of Nations, of the Council of which she is both a vociferous and a defaulting member. She has also violated the resolutions of the Washington Conference and dealt a blow at the whole structure of international relationships. Many regard the abrogation as the first step to similar procedure with all the Treaty Powers and a test to determine the Powers' policy. French and Japanese Treaties also come up shortly for revision, and if Peking is successful now it will follow the same procedure with France and Japan. The only great Powers then which will enjoy extraterritoriality will be Great Britain and America, and China will have a pretext for agitation against them. The question not only involves the protection of foreign life under extraterritoriality but also property, as abrogation of the treaty gives the Chinese officials a means of imposing duties and taxes without the consent of the Powers, as stipulated in the present treaties. The crisis in the relations between China and the foreign Powers resulting from the arbitrary denunciation of the Belgian treaty is viewed with profound concern as a plain indication that the Chinese authorities are prepared to ignore any or all of their foreign obligations. By signing in 1922 the Optional Clause of the new Hague Court, China bound herself, both legally and in honour, to submit to any dispute with other signatories, like Belgium, of the present character. It therefore follows that Belgium must take cognisance of Belgium's grievance as well as of China's bad faith. China's action, moreover, has been taken by a provisional Government, which has no constitutional basis and no authority anywhere in the land. The Belgian Legation has issued a long statement regarding its position vis-a-vis the Sino-Belgian Treaty and the breakdown of the negotiations, with the object of showing its conciliatory spirit and desire for a friendly arrangement as to a modus vivendi covering the period which must elapse before a new treaty can be made. The Peking Government's arbitrary action has therefore placed Belgium, and particularly Belgian interests in China, in a most disagreeable position, and naturally Belgium is anxious to ascertain what view is taken by the other Treaty Powers, notably the more interested and the stronger among them. She herself is impotent to defend her rights, a fact which may possibly have influenced China to act as she has done. In the Lung-hai Railway alone the Belgians have a very large stake in China. They also have considerable trade interests, and the Powers, unless they are content to allow their own rights and privileges to go by the board, cannot afford to stand by and do nothing.

Although the British Government has made no individual protest against the special taxes on foreign trade which have been levied at Canton since the termination of the boycott a month ago, it has now associated itself in concerted action by the Diplomatic Body in Peking on behalf of all the Treaty Powers, including the United States, Japan, France, and Italy. The document, which is of an unusual brevity, places on record with the only de jure, though purely nominal, Government of China that the Treaty Powers cannot recognise the legality of the surtaxes on foreign imports and exports now being levied by certain provincial "Governments," such as those of Canton and Shantung. Copies to avoid the suggestion that any recognition of the Cantonese and other "Governments" is involved have been communicated to those provincial authorities concerned by the senior foreign Consular officer in each case. Thus, it seems for the moment that one month's discussion and an exchange of views between the Foreign Offices of the Treaty Powers have yielded no more result than a strictly formal protest, and apparently, to steps towards preventing the levying of these unlawful surtaxes are to be taken. Each of the Powers, while unwilling to take such an initiative, lest the result should be Chinese discrimination against their own trade and traders, looks with suspicion upon any other Power that would moot and proceed to carry out a strong policy. And there the matter rests, another evidence, so it seems, to the Chinese that they may continue to do just as they please.—"China Express and Telegraph."

RECONSTRUCTION.

NATIONALIST PARTY'S PROGRAMME.

BANDIT SUPPRESSION.

Canton, Dec. 11.

The initiation of Nationalist reconstruction work is following in the wake of the Government official party travelling to Wu-chang, via Kiangsi. In a meeting with the Kiangsi Provincial Authorities at Nanchang practical measures were discussed and adopted for the unification of the currency, reorganisation of railway affairs, building and repairing of public highways, colonisation of barren lands and an investigation into the conditions of the mines, forests and rivers. Special attention has been paid to the financial affairs, resulting in a thorough plan of reorganisation. Similar work is already under way in Hupeh Province.

The Hankow situation has been grossly exaggerated by the foreign Press. The formation of labour unions, demands for a living wage and humane treatment have been heralded as a crisis and a danger to the foreign concessions. These have been invalidated by later reports of the facts of the situation. This outcry is viewed in Nationalist circles as provocative propaganda to convince the world of the necessity for armed intervention.

The campaign of systematic suppression of banditry in Kwantung through the co-operation of army divisions, local militia and specially trained troops has started.

News from the North indicates that precarious financial conditions are handicapping the proposed campaign against the Nationalist forces which continue their steady advance Northward.—Canton Information Bureau through Reuter's Agency.

"OFFICIOUS."

MAGISTRATE REBUKES LUKONG.

"I've never known of anybody being arrested for that before," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a coolie was charged with not carrying a light when pushing a barrow. The Cantonese-lukong who made the arrest informed the Magistrate that he thought the light had to be carried in front of the barrow, whereas in this case, the coolie carried one at the rear. "Of course he would be at the rear if he was pushing it. Don't be so officious in future," observed his Worship in discharging the accused coolie.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

December 13—Queen's Theatre; "North of 36" and the "Globe Trotters."

December 13—World Theatre; "Robin Hood."

December 13—Star Theatre; "Crimoline and Romance."

December 13, 17, 18—The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m., Matinee on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

December 14—Dance at Helena May Institute, organised by the Victoria Branch of the M.C.L. League.

December 16—Social evening to welcome the Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Rogers, 8.30 p.m. in the Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon.

December 16—Whist Drive at Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.

December 22—Fairy Play and Shadow Pictures, Xmas Matinees, Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

December 23—Annual ball of the Hong Kong Police Force, at the City Hall, 9 p.m.

Sport.

December 13—Steeplechase meeting at Kwant Race Course, Fanning.

Auction.

December 17—Valuable household furniture at Messrs. Lammet Bros' Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

December 14—Meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China at Sailors' Home, West Pt., 5 p.m.

December 15—Union Church annual congregation meeting, 8.30 p.m.

December 16—Extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, 5.15 p.m.; annual meeting, 6.30 p.m.

December 20—Extraordinary meeting of Hong Kong Tramways Co., Ltd., at the Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

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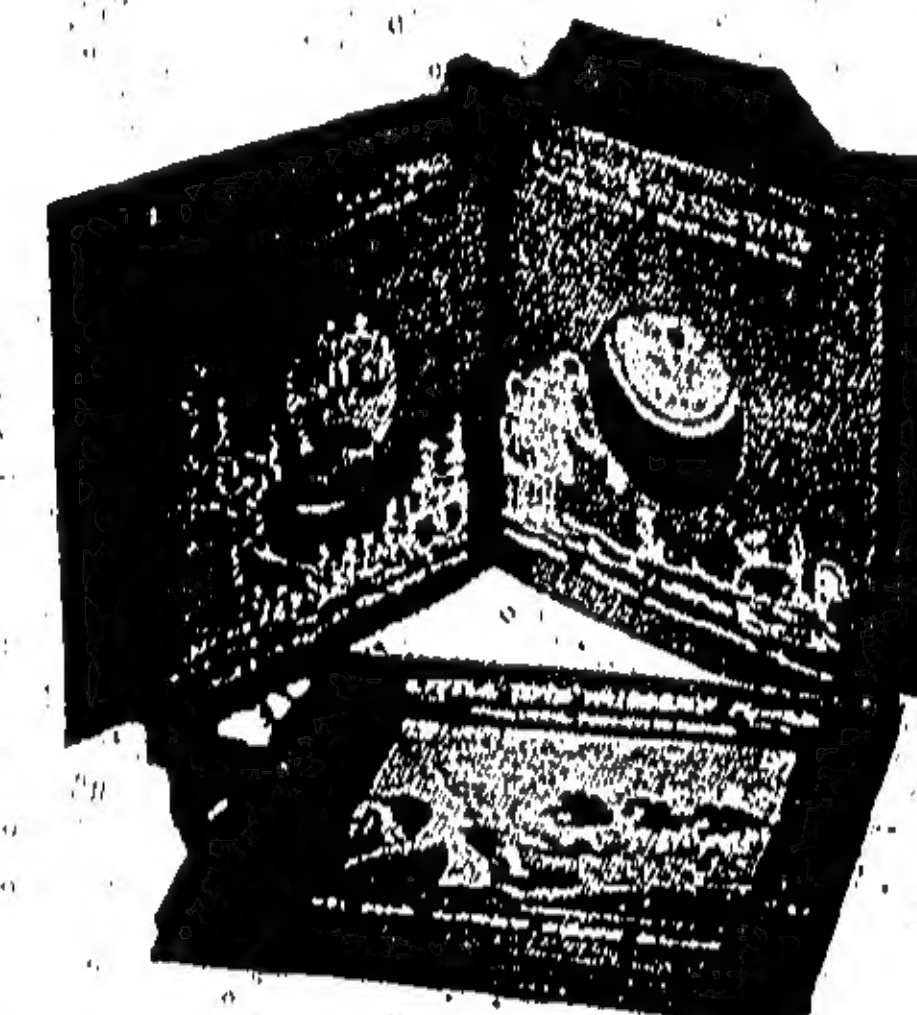
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DIVORCE SUIT AGAINST CHARLIE CHAPLIN.



Los Angeles, Oct. 12.—Mrs. Charlie Chaplin having failed to negotiate a matrimonial settlement out of court, is filing suit for divorce against Charlie with custody of the children.—Reuter's American Service. [A Londoner by birth, though a resident of the United States, Charlie Chaplin began his career on the London stage. He is credited now with receiving \$150,000 a year for his work in the movies.]

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

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Valuable household furniture is to be sold by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at the Duddell Street auction rooms at 2.30 p.m. on Friday.

On Nov. 20 three youths were executed at Kao-lung-chia, Hang-yang, by the troops stationed there creating disturbances in the vicinity.

The Soviet Government has raised the Customs Tariff on cotton and those who formerly had the right of free buying have now to pay 50 kopecks per kilo.

More than \$2,000 worth of jewellery and clothing became the spoil of five armed men, who slipped in to the premises at 69 Manila Road, Shanghai, through an open back door last Sunday week.

During the 48 hours ended on Sunday, the only case of notifiable disease in the Colony, as reported to the medical officer of Health was one of diphtheria, the patient being a Chinese from the city district.

For stealing a quantity of timber from premises under course of construction in Queen's Road Central, a Chinese was sent to jail for three weeks by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Eight Chinese of different occupations made their appearance at the Mixed Court at Shanghai last week charged with being members of an organised gang of armed robbers; with being undesirable residents of the International Settlements; with returning from expulsion; with being in possession of arms and ammunition without permission of authority, and with attempted armed robbery. They were remanded.

Messrs. Cutler Palmer & Co.'s calendar for next year, a copy of which has been sent to the "China Mail," is a portrait of Captain Frank Cutler, R.N., founder of the firm in 1835, cut out in wood and painted in colours. The dates are the movie kind. The calendar issued by the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., showing a month's dates at a glance, is another useful New Year souvenir. Messrs. Gaudet Price & Co.'s calendar is a delightful water colour sketch of a sports girl armed for a day's golf—very attractive for home or office alike.

A Commissariat Bureau has lately been established by the Revolutionaries at the Yih Chang, outside the Ping Hu Gate, Wuchang.

A full attendance is requested for the meeting of the Hongkong Branch of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China at Sailors' Home, tomorrow at 5 p.m.

A Reuter cable from Singapore states that 450 American college students aboard the steamer "Ryndam," known as the "floating university," which is making a world cruise, were entertained on arrival at Government House at Singapore.

Charged at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning with using a public vehicle for hire purposes during prohibited hours and with attempting to bribe an Indian constable, a Chinese was fined \$75, with eight weeks' imprisonment, as the alternative.

A priest, Sing Tsoh, and a coolie named Tseng Poo-jan, were brought before the Mixed Court at Shanghai on a charge of causing bodily harm to one of the former's brothers in the Bubbling Well Temple. Sing Tsoh received three years' imprisonment and the coolie was expelled from the Settlement.

Whether the strikes that occurred in Shanghai during last week end are due to the agitation of Cantonese radicals is not known, and as far as has been discovered, there are no traces of actual southern interference. On the other hand the authorities are quite certain that they are the work of "Reds." The situation has involved nearly 7,000 workers, affecting only Chinese and Japanese mills.

Two Shanghai men, a coolie and a painter, devised an ingenious scheme of defrauding householders of different sums of money by posing as inspectors from the Waterworks Co. They victimised half a dozen people but the seventh would-be victim was too clever for them and he notified the police with the result that the two were brought before the magistrates and charged. The Bench sent them to prison for two years after which they will be expelled. The money found in their possession will be divided among their victims.

The Lions of the Orient, an affiliated Club to one in Tientsin and many in the United States, have held their first meeting at the Nanking Club, Tsingtao.

The Paris "L'Ouvre" publishes the sensational assertion that the famous Mona Lisa picture in the Louvre is a fake and that, when the original was stolen years ago, a copy was put in its place.

According to a Peking telegram the Soviet Government has authorised the distribution of \$300,000 for the support of the universities in Peking, in addition to the \$200,000 already appropriated out of the Boxer's indemnity fund.

Peak Tramways Co., Ltd. will hold an extraordinary meeting at the Hong Kong Hotel at 11 a.m. on December 20, when new Articles of Association will be proposed. A further meeting will be held on January 10 to confirm the resolution.

On Nov. 26, several groups of male and female students in Shanghai delivered inflammatory speeches denouncing Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and his administration. The lecturers confined themselves to Chinese territory, and several were dispersed by the Chapel police.

A former Chinese employee of Messrs. Ton and Co., in Honan Road, Shanghai, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at the Mixed Court after Det-Sub Inspector Tinkler had informed the Court that \$1,500 in cash and \$13,000 in securities were missed from the safe box between November 13 and 15. Inspector Bridge, of the Fingerprint Department, testified to the fact that the prints on the box and the prints taken from the accused corresponded. He also added that all the Japanese as well as Chinese staff were examined.

Alleged to have taken a car, the property of Mr. Dodson, of the Motor Cycle Exchange, and to have smashed it up near Hungghem, a seaman of H.M.S. "Hawkins" named Packmaster appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday on a charge of larceny of the car and driving without a licence. Damage done to the car, which was taken from the stand outside the "Star" ferry wharf, is stated to be \$500. Three others are stated to have accompanied defendant on the "joy-ride." Defendant was remanded in naval custody, the case being adjourned.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Van Ya-tien, secretary to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, arrived in Shanghai from Nanking on Nov. 27.

Mr. H. N. Ting, Chairman of the Tsingtao International Club, is ill and in the German Hospital. The case is not serious but is the result of fish poisoning when Mr. Ting was in Shanghai.

Mr. Charles MacVeagh, Jun., son of the American Ambassador to Japan, sailed for America on Nov. 20. He had been in Japan for some weeks, and is returning to England to continue his studies at Oxford.

Dr. Victor C. Vaughan, a well known scientist, of the U.S. National Research Bureau in Washington, is on his way to the Philippine Islands. He attended a conference in Japan before taking a pleasure trip to China and the Philippines.

According to a British wireless message to-day, Sir Austen Chamberlain will this week take over the duties of the Home Secretary from Sir William Joynson Hicks whose illness will probably prevent him from resuming work until early next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Freeman, of New York, have arrived in Tokyo and expect to spend some months there. Mr. Freeman, who has been engaged in newspaper work in America, has been retained as a member of the "Japan Advertiser" news staff.

Mr. A. Cecil Taylor of Peking, who had been spending several days in Shanghai as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius J. Stellingwerff, left for Tientsin on November 27. He arrived in Shanghai from Kobe on Nov. 22, after a tour of Manchuria, Korea, and Japan.

The Penang office of Messrs. Adams and Allan has presented an address in satin, contained in a silver casket, to the Hon. Mr. W. H. Thorne, the senior partner, who is retiring at the end of the month to take up the appointment of a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Federated Malay States.

Mr. W. V. Brydone-Jack has returned to Shanghai after a short business trip to Japan.

Mr. A. T. Downie has arrived in Shanghai and will represent Messrs. Collier & Stephenson there.

The following appointment was made by the Admiralty on Nov. 8:—Capt. W. N. Custance, to "Yarmouth," in command (Nov. 20.)

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sussdorf, of the American Embassy in Tokyo, sailed for America on November 20. Mr. Sussdorf, who is first secretary in the American Embassy, has gone home on leave.



Mrs. Charlie Chaplin, who is filing suit for divorce against her husband, the famous movie actor.

Mr. Walter J. Clennell, for many years in the British Consular service in China, gave an interesting address on "China" at the weekly luncheon of the Teddington Rotary Club, held at the Clarence Hotel on October 26.

A Reuter cable from Paris announces the death of the Academician poet, Jean Richepin. Born in Algeria in 1849, the son of a French army surgeon, Richepin early developed his literary talents. Best known as a dramatist, perhaps, he produced a large number of plays right up to a recent period.

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K.O.S.B. League Cricket Feat.

SCORES GENERALLY LOW.

Kowloon Secure a "Double" on Saturday.

Lt. Hankey of the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers, distinguished himself in the senior division of the cricket league on Saturday by scoring the second century of the season. The first stands to the credit of H. N. Bathchett of the University, whose score of 122 not out is still the highest "official" to date.

In division II, H. A. Alves of Club de Recreio made 60 not out, which equals the previous best of 60, made by his club mate, H. M. Xavier.

Each of the seven league matches was played to a definite conclusion and there was no outstanding surprise.

Scores were generally on the low side and quite a number of bowlers came off with honours. Kowloon C.C. won both their engagements. Details follow:

Division I.

C.R.C. v. BORDERERS.

At Causeway Bay, Chinese R.C. went down badly to the Borderers.

Captain Dobbie (7 for 31) was mainly responsible for the home side's protection.

When the visitors went in to bat they got run easily. Hankey scored 104 not out with a useful variety of strokes and hit 21 fours. Scores:—

C.R.C.

Ng Sze-kwong, c. Sawyer, b. Dobbie	3
C. Choa, b. Hagkey	1
T. E. Yuen, c. Sawyer, b. Dobbie	1
J. L. Youngs, c. Dobbie	24
H. C. Hung, b. Dobbie	1
W. L. Wei, b. Dobbie	10
H. E. Yung, c. Shillington, b. Hankey	10
H. F. Un, not out	10
H. Ching, c. Perfect, b. Dobbie	1
K. L. Chua, c. Crawley, b. Dobbie	1
C. Wong, run out	0
Extras	5

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.	
Dobbie	10 2 31 7
Hankey	8 1 39 2
Thorpe	2 4 1 0

K.O.S.B.

Capt. Thorpe, run out	31
Lt. Hankey, not out	104
Lt. Greig, retired	25
Lt. Shillington, not out	6
Extras	15

Total (for 2 wks.)

O. M. R. W.	
Lt. Hankey	104 0 31 2
Lt. Greig	25 0 31 2
Lt. Shillington	6 0 31 2
Extras	15 0 31 2

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.	
Ching	0 0 31 0
Ng Sze-kwong	0 0 31 0
Yeeh	7 0 23 0
Un	2 0 15 0
Hung	0 0 31 0
Wong	0 0 31 0
Youngs	2 0 22 0

KOWLOON v. C.C.C.

Kowloon C.C. were not quite at full strength when Craigengower C.C. visited them but won by 85 runs.

A. W. Ramsay made 64 not out and had fielding contributed to the C.C.C.'s downfall.

N. H. Ross was the most successful bowler. Scores:—

K.C.C.

W. Bruce, c. Cassumbhoy, b. Hamson	23
A. W. Ramsay, not out	64
J. C. Lyle, b. Hamson	0
Capt. E. W. Morris, b. Hamson	31
F. Goodwin, not out	39
Extras	17

Total (for 3 wks. dec.)

O. M. R. W.	
Goodwin	13 0 58 0
Macay	6 0 30 0
Hamson	7 0 37 0
Zimmer	4 0 14 0
Cassumbhoy	5 0 17 0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.	
Goodwin	13 0 58 0
Macay	6 0 30 0
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Cassumbhoy	5 0 17 0

C.C.C.

O. Ismail, b. Lyle	12
A. E. Hamson, b. Goodwin	11
U. M. Omar, c. Guest, b. Ross	4
T. Grimes, c. Bruce, b. Ross	4
Hall, b. Bruce	10
F. Rumjahn, b. Bruce	21
F. Zimmer, b. Lyle	10
H. F. Lim, not out	2
J. Cassumbhoy, c. Goodwin, b. Ross	6
N. Mackay, b. Ross	0
Extras	0

Total

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Goodwin	13 0 58 0
Macay	6 0 30 0
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C.S.C.C. v. R.E. & S.

On the Civil Service ground, 19 wickets fell for 129 runs.

Of that total, the home side claimed a substantial portion, sufficient to give them an easy victory, as the Royal Engineers and Signals only made 31 before the onslaught of Ling (left-handed) and Sayer (right, slow). The winners now go to the top of the table. Scores:—

R.E. & S.

Q. M. S. Rose, c. Holdman, b. Sayer	3
Sign. Holland, bowled Ling	0
Supper Goodwin, b. Ling	1
Captain Bridgland, bowled Ling	7
Major Greig, bowled Ling	10
Lt. Col. Mackintosh, c. Jones, b. Sayer	0
S. S. Higgs, c. Ling, b. Sayer	0
C. S. M. Kennard, c. Baker, b. Sayer	0
Q. M. S. Johns, c. Fincher, b. Sayer	0
Serge. Jones, not out	2
Supper Licence, bowled Ling	0
Extras	0

Total

O. M. R. W.	
Ling	7 1 12 5
Sayer	7 1 17 5

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.	
F. J. de Rome, bowled Goodwin	4
F. E. Lawrence, b. Ling, b. P. G. Jones	1
E. C. Fincher, c. Rose, b. Jones	32
A. E. Wood, b. Goodwin	1
R. Jones, b. Goodwin	4
P. Baker, b. Goodwin	4
F. W. Hamilton, bowled Jones	16
G. R. Sever, bowled Jones	17
F. J. Lyle, c. Major Greig, b. Goodwin	0
B. D. Evans, not out	2
Extras	12

Total (for 9 wks.)

O. M. R. W.	
F. J. de Rome	4 0 31 0
F. E. Lawrence	1 0 31 0
E. C. Fincher	32 0 31 0
A. E. Wood	1 0 31 0
R. Jones	4 0 31 0
P. Baker	4 0 31 0
F. W. Hamilton	16 0 31 0
G. R. Sever	17 0 31 0
F. J. Lyle	0 0 31 0
B. D. Evans	2 0 31 0
Extras	12 0 31 0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.	
F. J. de Rome	4 0 31 0
F. E. Lawrence	1 0 31 0
E. C. Fincher	32 0 31 0
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I.R.C. v. ROYAL NAVY.

On their own ground at Sookumpoo, the Indian R.C. lost to the Royal Navy but not by a great margin.

Curry (32) and Acker (24) made a stand for the Indians, after the visitors had drawn first blood. Cantrell and Gardner shared the bowling honours.

Armstrong gave the senior service a good start when they batted and several others jogged along at a steady pace. F. M. el Arculli and A. H. Madar did most of the bowling. Scores:—

I.R.C.

A. H. Rumjahn, c. Sturgees, b. Cantrell	0
A. H. Madar, bowled Cantrell	0
M. P. Madar, c. Armstrong, b. Cantrell	0
J. S. Acker, c. & b. Gardner	24
J. S. Acker, c. Shaw, b. Cantrell	32
A. el Arculli, c. Woodward, b. Cantrell	16
Y. A. Wahab, bowled Cantrell	1
N. B. Kitchell, bowled Cantrell	1
F. M. el Arculli, bowled Gardner	7
A. S. Ismail, c. Brewerton, b. Gardner	1
A. S. Ismail, not out	1
Extras	6

Total

O. M. R. W.	
Cantrell	10 2 31 7
Gardner	8 1 39 2
Thorpe	2 4 1 0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.	
Ching	0 0 31 0
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K.C.C. 2ND XI.

Comdr. Gray, b. Duncan	9
Lt. Stevens, b. Hyde	11
Lt. G. Williams, b. Hyde	0
Lt. P. Williams, b. Duncan	11
Lt. P. Williams, b. Duncan	11
Lt. Comdr. Grant, c. Hyde, b. Duncan	48
Lt. Stadhorne, run out	0
Lt. Norris, c. Duncan, b. Spillet	35
Pay. L. Nave, run out	1
Spillet, b. Duncan	0
E. R. A. Kirk, b. Hyde	0
Stoker Noonke, not out	2
Extras	7

Total

O. M. R. W.	
Duncan	10 1 42 4
Hyde	9 0 28 3
Hancock	2 0 13 0
Petheram	3 0 13 0
Lea	1 0 8 0
Spillet	2 1 22 1

K.C.C. 2ND XI.

A. R. F. Raven, c. Norris, b. Noonke	8
L. A. R. Duncan, b. Noonke	7
W. Hyde, b. Norris	7
B. Petheram, b. Norris	46
J. E. Hancock, c. Nave, b. Norris	15
R. E. Lindell, c. Spencer, b. Stevens	15
F. Hamlin, c. Gray, b. Norris	11
G. Lee, not out	13
H. Smith, b. Nave, b. Noonke	10
S. B. Spillet, not out	7
Extras	10

Total (for 8 wks.)

O. M. R. W.	
Duncan	10 1 42 4
Hyde	9 0 28 3
Hancock	2 0 13 0
Petheram	3 0 13 0
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S. B. Spillet, not out	7
Extras	10

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Extras	10

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Police.

F. E. E. Booker, at. Strange, b. Sara	10
W. E. Meadows, bowled Gorvin	13
Dr. Craig, bowled Westlake	0
C. F. Alexander, Patterson	31
T. H. King, c. Nhill, b. Patterson	0
R. Garrieh, c. Strange, b. Gorvin	3
A. E. Lacey, not out	13
A. Reynolds, bowled Gorvin	13
P. Condon, b. Spitley	7
A. N. Other, b. Gorvin	2
Extras	18

Total (for 9 wks.)

O. M. R. W.	
Booker	10 0 31 0
Meadows	13 0 31 0
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Lacey	13 0 31 0
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RECREIO v. "TAMAR."

"Defeating H.M.S. "Tamar" by 6 wickets, Club de Recreio now share top place in the table with the Police.

H. A. Alves took 6 wickets for 27 and then scored 60 not out (going in first) for the home side.

Four of the "Tamar" batsmen made over 20.

All six of the home batsmen but one got into double figures. Scores:—

H.M.S. "Tamar."

Lt. Church, b. Gutierrez	12
C. P. O. Benley, c. Lopes, b. Alves	25
Pay. Comdr. Coomber, b. Gutierrez	1
C. E. R. A. Reaker, c. Sousa, b. Alves	26
Sub. Lt. Lathen, c. & b. Alves	84
L. S. A. King, c. Lopes, b. Alves	4
M. Barker, b. Pina	4
Lt. Neale, not out	26
Lt. P. O. Newton, c. Alves	9
Corpl. Lee, c. Alves	0
Mrs. Garbett, not out	1
Extras	1



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Doctors credited two baseballs, autographed by Babe Ruth and other World Series players, with saving the life of John Dale Sylvester, eleven, of Essex Falls. The balls, rushed from St. Louis by aeroplane, revived the boy's vitality after doctors despaired of saving his life from blood poisoning.



Carl Glaze, fourteen, was to be the surprise witness at the murder trial of Rev. Frank Norris, Fort Worth, Tex., pastor, which was to start on Nov. 1. He was said to have been playing near Rev. Norris' study when D. E. Chipps, his visitor, was shot.



Here is the latest picture of James "Bud" Stillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stillman. He is shown studying at Princeton University. When he is graduated he will marry Lena Wilson, former maid to his mother.



Almee Semples McPherson, evangelist, is a woman of many moods, these pictures show. They were made in Court where she was arraigned on charges of conspiracy growing out of her disappearance.



Mr. Melvin A. Taylor was elected president of the American Bankers' Association meeting.



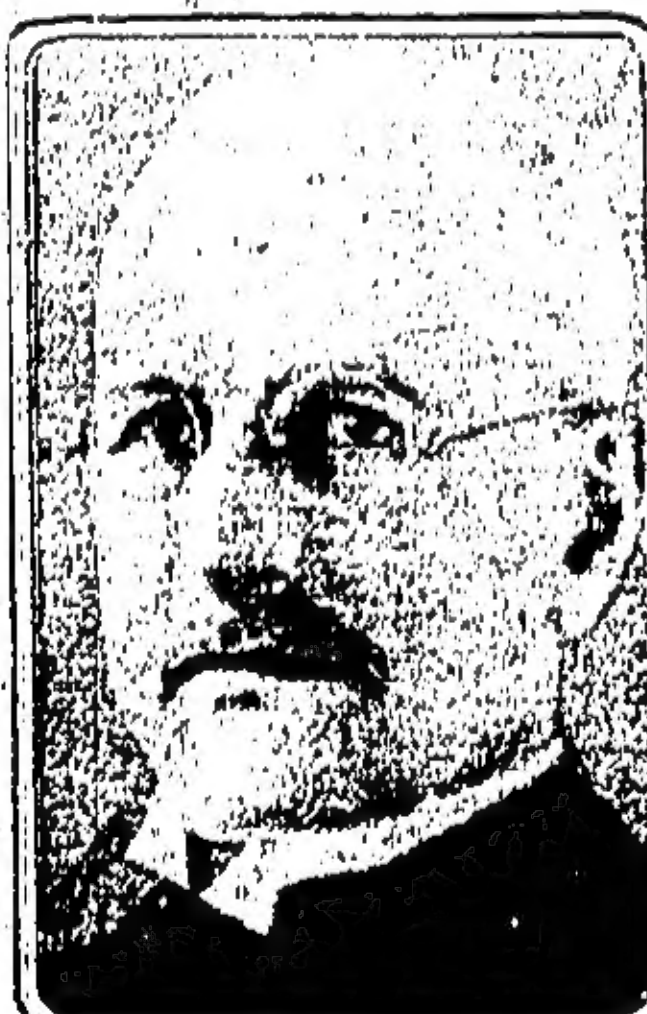
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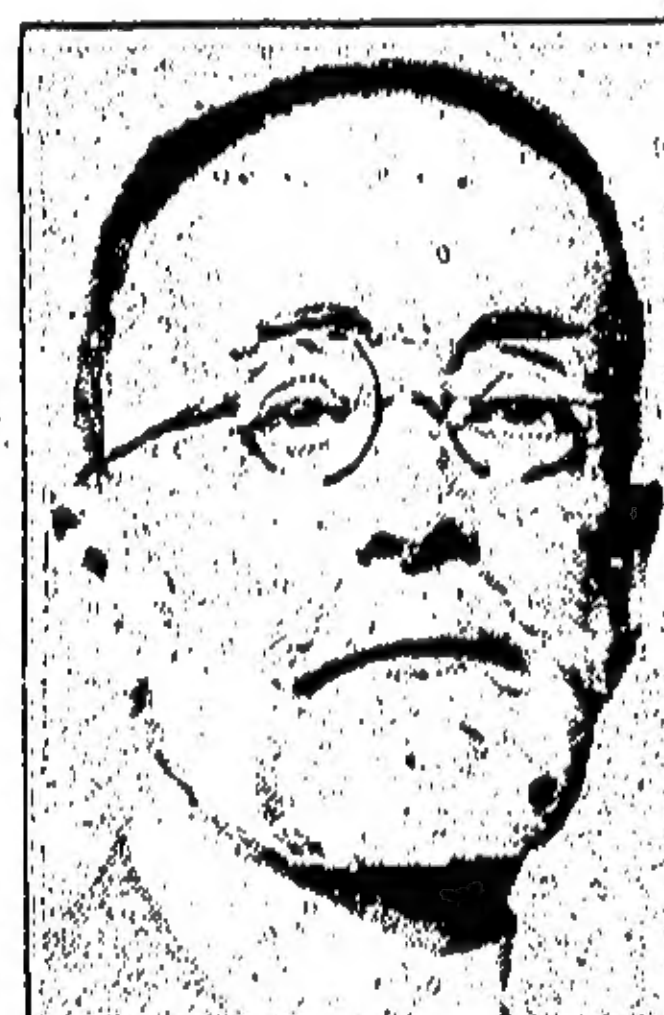


O. E. WELLER

Major Herbert A. Dargue will lead an American air expedition around South America. Frank Morrison, Secretary of the American Federation of Labour, denounced "Mussoliniism." John Phillip Hill, vet, and Senator O. E. Weller, "moist dry," sought the Republican Senatorial nomination in Maryland.



Harry L. Dickman, former State trooper, gave sensational evidence in the Hall-Mills case. He conducted the original investigation into the murders.



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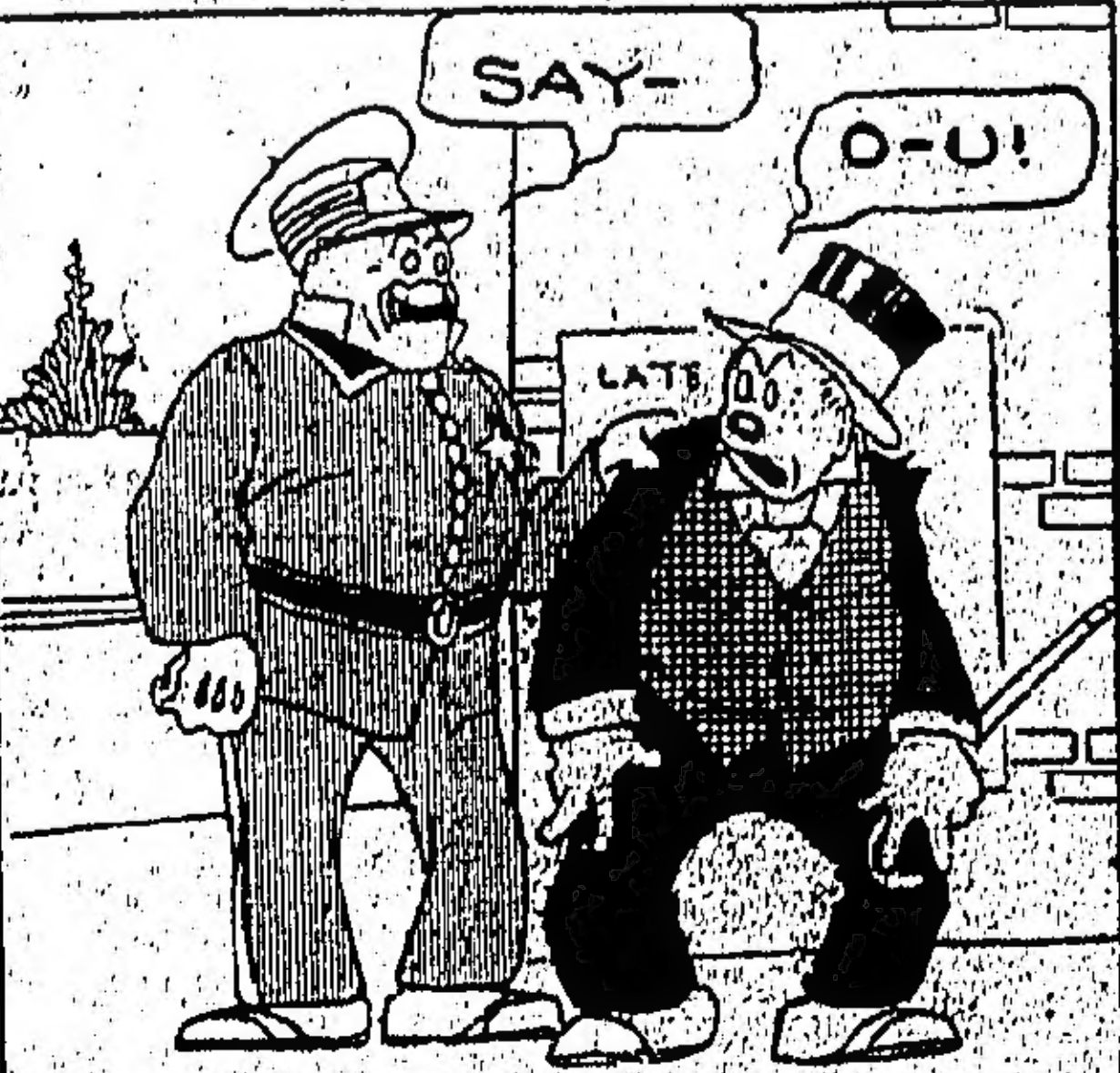


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August Heckscher, millionaire banker, proposed a \$600,000,000 foundation to win out New York's slums. Mrs. Paul Fitz Simons, formerly Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt, was a candidate for school committeeman at Newport. R. I. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave \$250,000 to the Seamen's Church Institute in New York. Enforced limitation of the cotton crop to avert overproduction was urged on President Coolidge by Senator Ellison B. Smith, of South Carolina.

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"Tess of the D'Urbervilles" is his greatest screen production believes Marshall Neilan, who filmed Thomas Hardy's classic novel for Metro-Goldwyn. Not only its greatness as a novel, but its peculiar fitness for adaptation to pictures, assures its qualities as a photoplay aside from the direction or acting, Neilan declares.

"A great many people who are acquainted with past and present literature regard Thomas Hardy as the greatest living writer," Neilan states.

"Certainly 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' is his greatest work. It is unusually well fitted for the screen. It is, without question, the greatest story I have ever attempted to film, and it is more easily adaptable to the screen than any other novel with which I am familiar."

Hardy has a grasp and an understanding of life which no other modern writer has. His stories are made realistic by their simplicity, and the manner in which they are told, makes them excellent screen material.

"In my opinion, Blanche Sweet, as Tess, and Conrad Nagel as Angel Clare, are perfect in their parts. I truly believe Miss Sweet has given a finer performance in 'Tess' than in 'Anna Christie'."

"I think 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' is one of the biggest stories ever written. It is the greatest picture I have ever made—of that I am sure."

"Miss Sweet and I have been planning and hoping to make a picture of 'Tess of the D'Urbervilles' for three or four years, and at last we have gratified our ambition with results that are satisfying to us, at least."

"Incidentally, it is the first picture we have made together since we have been married."

The picture is presented by Louis B. Mayer, Dorothy Farnum made the screen adaptation. The supporting cast includes Conrad Nagel, Stuart Holmes, George Fawcett, and many others.

More Bookings.

Other pictures which are coming in the very near future are "Wine of Youth" featuring Eulalie Jensen, a film of the MacMurray brand, but of a much better sort.

"The Man on the Box," a real scream in the hands of Syd Chaplin, who created a record for laughter in "Charley's Aunt."

AT THE STAR.

"CRINOLINE AND ROMANCE" TO-DAY.

This photoplay starring Viola Dana is voted the most entertaining series of motion picture plays in which she has appeared.

Every characterisation in which this gifted star has been seen is totally different from any other. There is no more delightful person in Miss Dana's whole gallery than her present one—Miss Emmy Lou—a charming, unsophisticated Southern miss whose adoring, but stern grandfather has kept her in the most complete seclusion. Emmy, being human, lets her curiosity get the best of her. With her coloured mammy, she goes off to see life, or more specifically, that variety of it which is found in the ultra-fashionable home of her aunt.

Emmy's experiences with a modern crowd of "advanced" flappers and their beaux is a revelation to her; and after breaking several hearts, she returns to her likewise heartbroken guardian, with two of the more persistent suitors still on her trail.

Miss Dana receives excellent support from a truly notable cast. There are two leading men in the picture, Allan Forrest and John Bowers, the two rivals for Emmy's hand. Claude Gillingwater is the Southern Colonel, Emmy's grandfather, stern but kindly. Others worthy of mention are Gertrude Short, and Lillian Lawrence.

You remember of course—who could forget it?

"Stella Dallas," reckoned to be the best "heart appeal" story of the year.

"Lady Windermere's Fan," considered to be Oscar Wilde's masterpiece, staged with amazing fidelity to the successful play of the name, by an all star cast.

"The White Desert," an epic of early days in Colorado and "Thunder Mountain," a superlative picture of the same type.

"The Thief of Bagdad" plays a return visit during Christmas week and will be followed by "The Beauty Prize" which is a light-hearted comedy.

"Back Home and Broke" will be another Christmas offering and when it is stated that Thomas Meighan is the star, that is all that need be said.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"NORTH OF 36" TO-DAY.

Two great marches mark the history of the making of the United States.

The first was the trip of the covered waggon across the plains and mountains from Missouri to Oregon in 1849.

The second, although of equal importance, is not so well known this being the journey of the early Texas settlers, driving their cattle from the ranches in southern Texas to the railroad in the north.

It is this latter journey which forms the theme of "North of 36." The story of "North of 36" appears on the screen as a faithful picturisation of the epic story by Emerson Hough, who also wrote "The Covered Wagon."

The story opens in Texas in 1867. Cattle without number roam the ranges, but their owners are practically penniless, for there is no market for their herds.

Everything looks pretty black when news comes through that up "North of 36" where a railroad has been built, the cattle can be sold at an enormous profit by anyone braving the dangers of the trackless plains, the Indian menace, swollen streams and a hundred and one other lurking perils.

Talis Lockhart (Lois Wilson), orphan, young, beautiful and hereditary chieftainess of one of the largest and wealthiest (in cattle) ranges in the Lone Star state, decides to risk the venture and with her 4,500 long-horns, 16 cow hands, 115 saddle ponies, etc. she hits the trail.

How, after months of hardships, they finally reach the railroad town and the ultimate results following their arrival will go down in screen history as a thing never to be forgotten.

Jack Holt, Lois Wilson, Ernest Torrence and Noah Beery are featured in the cast.

Rugby, December 11.—The acceptance by the Prince of Wales and Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, of invitations to Canada next year when the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation will be celebrated was announced by Lord Willingdon, the Governor-General, in a speech from the Throne at the opening of the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa yesterday.—British Wireless Service.

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FROM	TO	PER
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles	14th Dec.	Per Hektor
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GENEVA SUCCESS.

Foreign Ministers Reach Agreement.

DISARMAMENT QUESTION.

League Inquiry Committees Named.

Rugby, Dec. 12. Geneva Press telegrams anticipate that the Ministers will tonight fix a date early next year for the withdrawal of the Allied Mission of Control from Germany and the initiation of the system of League supervision.

At the League Council last night, M. Benes, Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, acting as rapporteur of this question, proposed a resolution appointing the League committees of investigation—a French General for the German, an Italian for the Austrian, and a Dutch for the Hungarian.

The Committees shall take action only when the League Council by a majority vote orders an inquiry.

These provisions apply for the demilitarised zone as much as to the rest of Germany, any special arrangements for this zone being a matter of private agreement between the Allied Powers and Germany.

The Germans can take part in the investigations into the armaments of Austria, Bulgaria and Hungary and vice versa—British Wireless Service.

Committees Appointed.

Geneva, Dec. 12. The League Council has approved the following officers as chairmen of the commissions of investigation in connection with the execution of the military, naval and air clauses of the peace treaties.

For Germany.—General Barater of France.
 For Austria.—General Mahietti.
 For Bulgaria, a superior officer of the Dutch Army, not yet named.

For Hungary.—General Bonham-Carter.
 The appointments date respectively from the extermination of the present appointments expiring in January and February next.—Reuter.

Control to Leave Germany.

Geneva, Dec. 12. The final meeting of the Foreign Ministers represented at the present session of the Council of the League of Nations reached agreement on the following points:

The date January 31 next was chosen for the cessation of the inter-Allied Military Commission, but in the interval the commission will examine fresh proposals to be submitted by Germany for the purpose of satisfying two Allied demands.

Meanwhile the German Government has undertaken to suspend all military works on the Eastern frontier.

Furthermore if the control commission and the German delegates fail to reach agreement, the investigating commission of the League is to be informed of developments by the League until the Commission formally assumes its functions on January 31.

League's Powers.

The agreement also provides that as from January 31 Article 213 of the Treaty of Versailles whereby Germany undertakes in every way to facilitate any investigation desired by the League Council will be applied in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Council.

If by January 31, contrary to expectation, amicable agreement has not been reached between the Allies and Germany, the questions pending will be submitted to the Council of the League and each Government represented at the Ambassadors' Conference will be permitted to attach to its Embassy in Berlin a technical expert, authorised to reach agreement with the competent German authorities on all disputed questions.—Reuter.

LATER.

The two Allied demands mentioned earlier relate to German fortifications on the eastern frontier.

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"SINISTER EXAMPLE"

GENERAL DIAZ DENOUNCES MEXICO.

FOMENTING REVOLUTION.

Managua, Dec. 12. General Diaz, President of Nicaragua, has issued a manifesto again denouncing the Mexican Government as actively supporting the revolution in Nicaragua and advising President Calles of desiring to establish "a political order in Nicaragua which will follow the recent 'sinister' example of Mexico."

General Diaz declares that he has reliable information that Mexican gunboats are about to convey an armed expedition against the present Conservative regime and concludes by appealing for support from all Nicaraguans, promising them equitable participation in governmental activities.—Reuter's American Service.

AMERICAN SERVICE.

Washington, Dec. 12. The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, which is controlled by the Republicans, has voted in favour of making no disposition of the Treasury surplus, estimated at \$383,000,000.

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